



## **Minutes**

State Migrant Parent Advisory Council (SMPAC) Meeting for FY13

Arizona Department of Education

May 9, 2013

3300 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

16<sup>th</sup> floor: Conference Rm 103/104 -10:30a.m.-2:00p.m.

### **Members Present:**

#### **SMPAC Members:**

Maria Lourdes Gutierrez (Arlington Elem.), Jhendy Guerra (Arlington Elem.), Rosa Parra (Buckeye Elem., Buckeye Union, Liberty Elem., Palo Verde Elem.), Irma Ortega (Buckeye Elem., Buckeye Union, Liberty Elem., Palo Verde Elem.), Teresita Garcia (Buckeye Elem., Buckeye Union, Liberty Elem., Palo Verde Elem.), Miguel Ramos (Avondale Elem., Agua Fria Union HS, Fowler Elem.), Maria Diaz Valdez (Glendale Elem.), Mercedes Huerta (Mesa Public Schools), Francisca Esparza (Queen Creek Unified), Ana Jimenez (Casa Grande Union HS, Stanfield Elem.), Rosario Garcia (Casa Grande Union HS, Stanfield Elem.), Patti Mendez (Gadsden Elem.), Marisela Pulido (PPEP, Inc.), Veronica Rivera (Somerton Elem.), Cleotilde Garcia (Yuma Elem.), Veronica Hernandez (Yuma Union HS), Patricia Escobedo (Yuma Union HS), Claudia Beltran (Douglas Unified), Gabriel Aguero (Willcox Unified), Maria T. Aguero (Willcox Unified), Olivia Bermudez (Chandler Unified), Michaela Garcia (J.O. Combs Unified)

#### **LEA Advisors/Participants:**

Fabiola Solorio (Buckeye Elem., Buckeye Union, Liberty Elem., Palo Verde Elem.), Graciela Herrera (Mesa Public Schools), Elsa Atondo (Queen Creek Unified), Blanca Godinez (Queen Creek Unified), Maria Loera-Chavez (Gadsden Elem.), Melody Paredes (PPEP, Inc.), Brenda Rodriguez (Somerton Elem.), Maria Nixen (Yuma Elem.), Jessica Mickish (Yuma Union HS), Karina Hale (Wenden Elem., Salome Elem.), Angelica Chavez (Douglas Unified), Ana B. Gonzales (Willcox Unified),

#### **ADE/Migrant Education Program Staff:**

Ralph Romero (State Migrant Director), Raquel Alvara (Migrant Education Specialist), Christopher Dickinson (Program Project Specialist)

#### **MPAC Clusters Absent:**

Coolidge Unified, Marana Unified, Crane Elem., Hyder Elem./Wellton Elem., Eloy Elem., Phoenix Union HS

#### **10:30a.m.-10:40a.m.: Welcome/Introduction**

Ralph Romero welcomed all members to the meeting. During the welcome, Ralph Romero discussed sequestration and the 5.2% decrease affecting the Migrant Education Program. He noted how the State would be able to continue with the level of funds as pursuant to the State Carryover funds. Ralph Romero addressed the importance of parent involvement and the need for SMPAC.

10:40a.m.-12:10p.m.: Nominations for FY14

Ralph Romero began nominations for SMPAC Chairperson. The following SMPAC members were nominated for Chairperson:

- Olivia Bermudez
- Miguel Ramos
- Veronica Hernandez
- Patricia Mendez
- Cleotilde Garcia

The following SMPAC members were nominated for Vice-Chairperson:

- Francisca Esparza
- Veronica Hernandez
- Cleotilde Garcia
- Olivia Bermudez
- Patricia Mendez

The following SMPAC members were nominated for Secretary:

- Francisca Esparza
- Patricia Mendez
- Cleotilde Garcia
- Olivia Bermudez

SMPAC Members were given an election form to complete to elect the SMPAC Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary for FY14. SMPAC Members then placed their ballot in a ballot box.

12:10p.m.-1:00p.m.: Lunch

1:00p.m.-1:30p.m.

Ralph Romero introduced Elyse April from Kalindi Press. Her presentation covered such topics as the importance of reading with your child, as well as the impact of breastfeeding.

1:30p.m.-1:50p.m.

Alejandra Enriquez-Gates, Director of Conexiones, provided an overview of the program.

1:50p.m.-2:00p.m.: Nominations Update/Future Directions/Wrap-up/Evaluations

Ralph Romero announced the elections:

- Veronica Hernandez (Yuma Union HS) was elected SMPAC Chairperson for FY14.
- Francisca Esparza was elected SMPAC Vice-Chairperson for FY14.
- Olivia Bermudez was elected SMPAC Secretary for FY14.

SMPAC Members were made aware the next SMPAC has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel. Audience was also notified of the dates for the 2013 State Migrant Conference: September 18-19, 2013 at Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel.